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**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2006, the period of response for which has been extended two months to run through December 26, 2006, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.